

The 31st Masonic District

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31st Masonic District Veterans Day Event at Ft. Belvoir, Va.

Ft. Belvoir, VA | April 9, 2023 – The Brothers of the 31st Masonic District came together for a special day of service, honoring veterans and the Wounded Warrior community. The event was led by District Deputy Grand Master Charles C.J. James (#11) and supported by Most Worshipful Grand Master Beverly W. “Butch” Morgan (#298) and Assistant District Deputy Grand Master Phillip L. Brannon (#293).

Beginning at 9 AM, Brothers fired up grills and prepared a full lunch for service members and their families, with a special focus on those from the Wounded Warrior Transition Battalion. The event included freshly grilled meals, sides, and refreshments—offered as a token of appreciation for the sacrifices made by these brave men and women.

This annual tradition is more than a meal—it’s an opportunity for Masons to build connections, share conversations, and express genuine gratitude. The atmosphere was filled with fellowship, warmth, and community spirit as soldiers, families, and Brothers engaged throughout the day.

The 31st Masonic District remains committed to supporting those who have served and sacrificed, continuing its proud legacy of service within the Northern Virginia area.



MWGM Beverly W. Morgan Jr. enjoying the festivities.



MWGM Beverly W. Morgan Jr. with DDGM Charles CJ James and the Brothers of the 31st Masonic



Wounded Warriors and attendees line up for lunch



Brothers on the Grill

District Observes St. John the Baptist Celebration with Reverence and Unity

King George, Va.-June 22, 2025

The Brothers of the 31st Masonic District joined the Brothers of the 29th Masonic District came together in solemn observance of the **St. John the Baptist Celebration**, a cherished Masonic tradition rooted in faith, reflection, and fraternal unity. Worshipful Masters, Wardens, Grand Lodge Officers, Past Masters, and Brothers filled the sanctuary of Salem Baptist Church in full regalia, proudly representing their respective Lodges. Prior to the start of the service, attendees gathered for group photos, capturing the spirit of unity and brotherhood that defines the 31st District. The program featured uplifting messages, stirring music, and a heartfelt welcome from the church's leadership. This year's observance served not only as a reflection on the legacy of St. John the Baptist—patron of moral integrity and spiritual strength—but also as a reminder of our ongoing duty to serve God, support our communities, and walk uprightly as Masons.



*MWGM Morgan and the Brothers of
the 29th and 31st Masonic District
worship together*



MWGM Morgan visits Triangle Lodge No. 293

Tuesday, May 27, 2025 – Triangle Lodge No. 293

On May 27, 2025, MWGM The Honorable Beverly W. “Butch” Morgan visited WM Cedric Martin and the Brothers of Triangle Lodge No. 293. Accompanied by RWJGW Antonio Pride #43, the MWGM addressed the upcoming St. John the Baptist Day celebrations and the Annual Communication.

Brothers from across the 31st District attended, enjoying an evening of instruction, fellowship, and laughter. After the meeting, all gathered for a lively repast featuring crawfish, ribs, chicken, and sides—a true night of Brotherly Love.



MWGM Morgan, RWPGD Johnson, and ADDGM Brannon



WPM Martin and the MWGM



MWGM Morgan



*Triangle Lodge No 293
Men of Triangle
(MoT)*

31st Masonic District Divine Sunday Worship

On a beautiful Sunday in Arlington, VA, Worshipful District Deputy Grand Master Charles “CJ” James (#11) and Assistant District Deputy Grand Master Phillip L. Brannon were honored to lead the Brethren of the 31st Masonic District in fellowship and worship during the observance of Divine Sunday at Macedonia Baptist Church.

This spiritually uplifting event brought together Masons from across the District to celebrate faith, unity, and community in the house of the Lord. The occasion held special significance as the service was led by Brother Senior Warden Roger Baskin (#58), who also serves as Pastor of Macedonia Baptist Church. His dual role as both spiritual leader and devoted Mason added profound depth and inspiration to the message delivered during the service.

The sanctuary was filled with the presence of Brothers dressed in full regalia, representing their respective Lodges with dignity and reverence. The sermon emphasized themes of brotherhood, service, and moral integrity—values that resonate deeply within the Masonic tradition. Prayers were offered for continued guidance, strength in leadership, and unity among the Lodges of the 31st District.

Following the service, members engaged in warm fellowship, sharing reflections on the message and reaffirming their commitment to faith and Masonic principles. Divine Sunday once again proved to be a powerful reminder of the spiritual foundation upon which the Craft is built.



Bro SW Roger Baskin #58 delivers the Word tot eh congregation



WDDGM Charles CJ James #11 presents a token of Love on behalf of the Brothers of the 31st Masonic District

Acacia Lodge No. 32 Presents Annual Book Scholarships

Richmond, VA- May 20, 2025 - Acacia Lodge No. 32 proudly continued its tradition of supporting education by awarding its annual book scholarships to two outstanding college-bound students. Representing the Lodge, Past Master Derick Bolding presented \$500 scholarships to each recipient during a heartfelt ceremony.

This year's recipients will be attending two prestigious Virginia institutions: Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) and Virginia Tech. The scholarships will help offset the cost of books and other academic expenses as the students embark on their higher education journeys.

We commend PM Derick Bolding for his leadership and commitment to service, and we extend our heartfelt congratulations to the scholarship recipients. Acacia Lodge No. 32 remains steadfast in its mission to uplift youth through meaningful educational support.



WPM Derek Bolding presents \$500 Scholarships

Arlington Lodge No. 58 presents 50 Year Masonic Recognition

A Golden Milestone: 50 Years of Unbroken Service

Arlington Lodge No. 58 Honors WPM Earl Valentine

On Thursday, April 17, 2025, the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Honorable Beverly W. “Butch” Morgan, Jr. (#298), paid a special visit to Arlington Lodge No. 58 F&AM. The purpose of his visit was both significant and heartfelt — to present Worshipful Past Master Earl Valentine (#58) with his **50-Year Masonic Service Pin**.

WPM Valentine has devoted five decades of continuous, faithful service to the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Virginia, F&AM, Inc. His Masonic journey is a testament to consistency, integrity, and dedication. Throughout those 50 years, he was **never suspended, never took a break, and never wavered** in his commitment.

What makes this milestone especially notable is that WPM Valentine has remained an active member of Arlington Lodge No. 58 throughout his entire Masonic tenure — a rare and commendable feat.

On behalf of the entire Masonic family, we extend our deepest gratitude to WPM Valentine for his unwavering loyalty, service, and support — not only to his Lodge but also to the Grand Lodge. His example continues to inspire generations of Masons.

Thank you, WPM Valentine. Your light still shines brightly.



*MWGM Morgan, DDGM James, WM Aaron,
and Honoree WPM Earl Valentine*

Triangle Lodge No. 293 and Grace Chapter No. 239 host Annual Joint Banquet Event

On April 26, 2025, Triangle Lodge No. 293 and Grace Chapter No. 239 proudly hosted their annual banquet, bringing together members, families, and distinguished guests for an evening of fellowship and celebration.

Among the honored attendees was the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Honorable Beverly W. "Butch" Morgan, representing the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Virginia. His presence added great significance to the occasion and underscored the importance of unity and tradition within our Masonic family.



WPM Cedric Martin presentation to WPM Shelly Bothwell



The Men of Triangle (MoT)



WPM Cedric Martin presents award to Bro Pile



WPM Cedric Martin presents award to Bro Guyton



WPM Cedric Martin presents award to WPM Jones aka The Champ

Universal Lodge No. 1 and Acacia Lodge No. 32

Joint Charity Cookout

Lorton, VA – April 26, 2025

Universal Lodge No. 1 and Acacia Lodge No. 32 hosted a successful Joint Charity Cookout at Laurel Hill Park's Central Green, drawing strong support from the 31st Masonic District.

Brothers, families, and friends gathered for an afternoon of fellowship, food, and fun—all in support of local charitable efforts. Grilled favorites, music, and community spirit filled the park as attendees enjoyed warm weather and even warmer brotherhood.

Proceeds from the event will support local outreach initiatives, showcasing how unity within the Craft can make a meaningful impact.



ACACIA LODGE NO. 32 FAITHFUL FEW SOCIAL CLUB UNIVERSAL LODGE NO. 1
presents
JOINT CHARITY COOKOUT
April 26, 2025 | 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Laurel Hill Park Central Green
8780 Lorton Road, Lorton, VA 22079
DONATION: \$20
Includes: Food, Fun, Prizes, & Music
GIVEAWAYS 2 - \$500
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Most Worshipful Grand Master
The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Virginia, F. & A. M., Inc.





Rest in Heaven

Bro Preston Wells, Jr is called to Glory

